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Election/Restriction

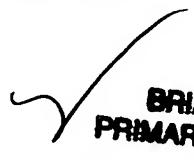
The outstanding election/restriction (4/21/04) requirement is withdrawn. As applicant correctly points out in a communication received on 5/11/04, the only pending claims are apparatus claims. The application will be transferred to the appropriate Work Group within the Technology Center. The examiner regrets the error.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0638. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

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